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Youth busted for car prowling, drugs

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

Charges have been laid against a 15-year-old male from Didsbury, following an RCMP investigation into car prowling, say police.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said the youth was apprehended on Jan. 23, related to a number of offences.

Eleven charges have been laid for possession of stolen property, and four counts of unauthorized use of credit card data, as well as 14 counts of a breach of probation, he said.

He was also charged with two counts under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act for possession of both marijuana and amphetamines, he added.

Items recovered by police include a computer, an iPhone, binoculars, a digital camera, sunglasses, multiple GPS

units and other similar items, he said.

The property that was recovered has been returned to vehicle owners and one business owner, all of which were burgled over the course of the last several months.

The youth is being held in custody and was expected to appear in court on Monday, Feb. 3.

"We had a number of open investigations that we were proceeding with, and then we had another incident occur with this individual where it was brought to our attention through the parents or guardians of this individual," said Jacobson.

"Certainly through their co-operation it helped resolve this and hopefully this individual can be held to account so he can move forward in a more positive manner. The matter is now before the courts."

Budget passed, public meeting scheduled

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

Town council voted to accept the capital and operating budgets at the council meeting on Jan. 28, and also set a public meeting date to discuss the budget.

The budget had originally come to council on Jan. 10, at which point councillors requested that administration trim the budget further to avoid an increase in property taxes.

The tax rate is yet to be determined, and will be presented to council after the property value assessments are completed near the end of the month, said CFO Nita Bartholow.

Council approved a \$9,734,414 operating budget and a \$3,009,300 capital budget for 2014.

Budget highlights include a cost of living adjustment of 2.1 per cent for staff and new increased salary grids for the manager of financial services, the manager of community services and the deputy chief administrative officer.

Bartholow noted at the meeting that the current budget requires a two per cent increase for residential taxes, as the property assessment values went down last year, leading to the town receiving less tax dollars than in the previous year.

She had to transfer \$30,000 from reserves to achieve the cuts council requested, she added.



ICE TIME - Alexa Bricker performs Rockin at the Hop during the Didsbury Figure Skating Club Showcase Night at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Jan. 27. See page 8 for more.

She did consider a zero per cent increase for residential, which was done last year, and if there is an increase in assessment values, she may be able to achieve that, she said.

"We can go forward with the budget so when the assessments come in, we can make adjustments to this budget to accommodate changes in this budget, or to accommodate the helipad, for example," said Bartholow.

She noted that property tax bills not only contain the municipal taxes the Town of Didsbury will col-

lect from property owners but educational taxes that will flow through to the provincial government as well as Mountain View Seniors' Housing requisitions.

A public meeting to explain the tax bills as well as the budget is scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at a location to be announced at a later date in the Town of Didsbury ad, published weekly in the Review.

The meeting will be in the same location as the public meeting to gather public opinion on the support of the Rosebud Health Foundation's helipad project.



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Councillors debate support for helipad project

Public meeting set to ask residents whether they want tax dollars to help pay for it, or let RHF collect donations instead

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Although a previous Didsbury council passed a motion to support the construction of a new helipad if both Carstairs and Mountain View County officials agreed to pitch in, it still comes down to what residents want.

At the council meeting on Jan. 28, councillors passed a motion to hold a public meeting regarding the expenditure of \$30,000 in tax dollars per year for the next three years, and made another motion to defer a decision on the expenditure until after the public meeting.

The meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. and the location will be announced at a later date in the Town of Didsbury ad in the Review, which is published weekly.

"I don't think anybody can put a value on the well-being and quality of health of residents," said CAO Roy Brown, noting that the money would have to be factored into the town's 2014 budget.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Coun. Garth Hollinger

He also added that the \$30,000 - \$6 per capita - was the amount requested by Rosebud Health Foundation (RHF) officials, and that it could be reduced if council decided to do so.

Coun. Garth Hollinger said he supports the project and the amount requested, as that was the platform he ran on during the election race.

"I'd like to see everybody hop onto it, county and Carstairs," said Hollinger.

"But what I would like to propose is we look at the \$30,000, but we do it on a matching dollar basis."

Coun. Gail Nowlan said the residents she has talked to are on the fence about whether the town should support the project monetarily.

"Nobody I talk to will say yea or nay, so I don't

know," said Nowlan.

During the meeting, one councillor asked Clem Kuelker, chair of the RHF Helipad Committee, why the construction of the helipad is so important to him.

He replied to council that he has been involved in health care during his career, and has seen many times when people get into emergency situations when time and transportation methods are important.

He added that the addition of a helipad and other state-of-the-art technology may be a deciding factor as to whether a doctor would want to work and live in town.

"And we can't discount the economics of that as well, so there's a whole range of reasons why I'm interested in the helipad. So, let's build it," said Kuelker.

STARS has been landing in the parking lot of the Zion church for several years since Transport Canada closed the helipad at the Didsbury hospital.

The original quote of \$500,000 to build a new helipad may be larger than what the actual construction ends up costing, Kuelker added, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) may do a joint construction with Banff and Didsbury, which would drive down the cost further.

"If the price goes lower we will bring the (remainder of the \$500,000) back to the (RHF) pot. We don't have any other project or necessity to use that money anywhere else," he added.

Deputy mayor LaVar Adams noted one of the problems with the town paying for the helipad is that it will be yet another provincial responsibility downloaded from the provincial government onto municipalities.

He also asked when the helipad might be financed by AHS, if the RHF were unable to raise the money, to which Kuelker replied that it would be 10 to 15 years.

"There's a total of 40 helipads in the province not suitable to land the new helicopters at this point," added Kuelker.

"So that's why the province is kind of balking to finance all these in a short amount of time."

Hollinger noted putting it off for a long time could hurt the community, adding that it's hard to put a dollar price on a lifeline.

Adams said despite his thoughts on provincial

downloading, the helipad is "a vital part of the hospital operations, and if they don't have it, it's just another feather out of the cap of the hospital's viability cap."

"At that point, it's no longer a hospital as much as a walk-in clinic."

Kuelker said the general feeling he's heard from residents is that they are in support of getting it built.

"The fact is, when the helicopter landed two or so weeks ago, there was 150-plus people there, and we collected \$838, I think it was, just from the general public that day," he said.

"Plus, we got a \$2,000 cheque that an organization put in place," he said, adding that a Carstairs organization was also presenting officials with a \$5,000 cheque that night.

Coun. Sheila Schulz asked aloud whether council would like to hold a public meeting to get people out to talk about it, adding that she thought it may not be the best use of tax dollars.

"Why not do (public) fundraising and get tax receipts to people?" asked Schulz.

She said the RHF might be able to do that and get the community together to donate and give out tax receipts, rather than the town donating tax dollars toward the project and not getting a receipt.

It would make more financial sense, she noted.

Coun. Joyce McCoy and Schulz both agreed the town could help out in other ways, like donating a hall for the RHF to use.

Kuelker said there is a lot of work necessary to organize the canvassing that would be necessary to raise the funds, but said that it is important to have a meeting to let people decide how important they think the project is.

He noted with the number of retirees in the town, as well as the Bethany Care Centre which will soon be completed, there is a need for a helipad.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Deputy Mayor LaVar Adams

Water meter change leads to company owing \$31,753

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Tanas Concrete Ltd. owes the Town of Didsbury over \$30,000 for water usage, following a snafu involving the changeover from a meter that measures gallons to a meter that measures cubic metres, say officials.

The equipment changeover happened in April of 2009, and from that point until Nov. 30, 2012, the meter was being read correctly by town staff, but the numbers were not being properly read by the town billing programs, said town CFO Nita Bartholow.

Bartholow explained to councillors at the council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

"So therefore the consumption was very low, and the utility clerk noticed something wasn't quite right."

Although Tanas concrete owes at least \$31,753, Bartholow said she decided to only back-charge for the 12 months' usage prior to the mistake being found, amounting to just over \$9,434.

"We only went back in all fairness, a year back," she said, referring to the absence of a bylaw prohibiting the town from charging the company for the entire bill, and mentioning another bylaw stating the town is only obligated to refund up to 12 months' worth of overcharges.

Tanas officials recently contacted the town and asked for an additional \$3,237 worth of wastewater charges to be written off of the bill, because they feel that little of the water drawn from the system actually goes into the wastewater system, she said.

Rather than make a decision on writing off the requested amount, council passed a motion to accept the request as information only, and also passed a motion to invite Tanas officials to speak to council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

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Firehouse news: January



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It has been quite a few months since my last report from the fire hall; life seems to get busier with each passing day.

Since the last update, I became a father and got accepted into the Calgary Fire Department.

Now that I have fallen back into a routine, I feel that the town is way overdue for an update.

January has been a steady month, with a total of 21 calls for the Didsbury

Fire Department. It was nice to enjoy the warm weather, but the cold snap that lead to snow-covered roads on Jan. 29 added a couple of motor vehicle accidents.

From the beginning of the new year, the majority of our calls have been medical. The treacherous ice has been a major issue, with EMS requesting our presence with lift assists just as a safety precaution.

At the beginning of February we will be starting our recruit program, where a group of individuals who have applied for the position of firefighter will start training with us.

This program will run for three months and will contain both written and hands-on training.

I wish our new recruits the best of luck in their new journey.

Fraudsters at it again

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Fraudsters are always evolving and changing the way they try to bilk money from people, and police have recently received a report from an area resident regarding a new scam.

In this particular incident, a male called the resident, claiming that he was with Canada Crime Investigations, and saying the person he had called owed \$4,000 to the government, instructing the resident to purchase a prepaid card from a grocery store to pay the fine.

"The person realized it was a fraud,

but again, this is what they're doing," said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Clint Gulash.

"They're trying to make it seem like you owe these moneys, coming from different tactics, different ways to make it seem legitimate.

"So, as always, people have to be vigilant when they get these kinds of calls. It's not normal for the government to call you. Usually they will do everything via mail, so you're going to get notices and things of that nature."

He noted the scammers generally don't call any specific person, they just make mass call-outs, and even if they convince one person in 1,000 to send money, they're making a good profit.

Tanas

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Tanas officials were unable to attend the council meeting that night.

Josh Tanasiychuk, president of Tanas Concrete Industries Ltd., said in an interview following the meeting that he wanted to present a couple of issues to council regarding his company's water billing.

Currently, the town charges for wastewater based on water intake, with a \$1.02 surcharge billed for each cubic metre of water consumed.

He said the main issue isn't that he wanted to write off the extra money from the bill, but rather that most of the water used at his plant goes directly into production, and very little goes into the sewer system.

"I'm not asking anyone to write off a bill that's inappropriate. I'm just asking that if, going forward, there's a way to appropriately allocate the cost," said Tanasiychuk.

He noted he would have no issue with having his company pay for a plumber to come in and install a meter for sewage use, and that he isn't trying to get out of paying for services, simply that he doesn't believe the company should be getting charged for wastewater system usage based on water consumption.

"That's the issue we'll be discussing (at the Feb. 11 Committee of the Whole meeting). They're saying I'm asking for them to write it off, but what I'm asking for is an appropriate amount of billing that bills me for the water I use and the sewer that I use," he said.

"Water is one of the major compo-

nents in making concrete."

He has no qualms with other companies with similar situations getting the same treatment, in paying to install their own meters under supervision of town engineers.

"Is there a way that town can come to an appropriate allocation of those charges? Because I shouldn't be paying for something I'm not using," he noted.

CAO Roy Brown recommended at the meeting that council consider not writing off the amount requested, because it would set a dangerous precedent, as even homeowners with large lawns or gardens would then be able to make claims that not all the water their meters read goes into the wastewater system.

"There was a council member in the past talking about having a big garden, and how it really bothered him he was paying high for wastewater based on consumption," said Brown.

"But for sewers, the argument basically is that it doesn't cost the town all that much to process the sewage, but it is the infrastructure that's required that does."

He said the charges are more to maintain the service and infrastructure than they are to actually deal with a given amount of wastewater.

"So you are able to flush your toilet. It's not that you're creating this resource that needs processing, you're paying for the ability to flush your toilet."

Coun. Joyce McCoy asked whether the wastewater charge structure is the same in other municipalities and Brown confirmed that it is.

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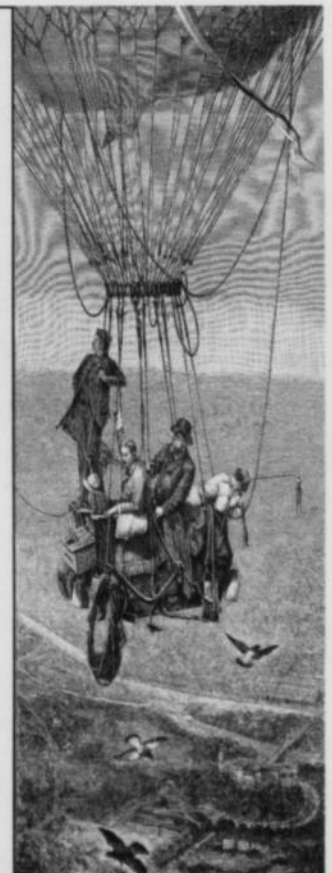
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Where there's snow, there's collisions

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Emergency crews attended two collisions last week following a snowfall that turned the roads from clear and dry to icy and slick, say police.

"And the fact that the roads had been in relatively good condition prior to that, I think a lot of people's driving habits had gone back to more summertime habits, and certainly resulted in an increase of collisions (on Wednesday)," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Four-person rollover

Didsbury RCMP and emergency crews attended a single-vehicle rollover in the northbound lane of the QEII just north of the Didsbury overpass on Jan. 29, he said.

The driver of the Ford Taurus

had lost control going under the overpass, and rolled onto its roof.

"There were four occupants with minor injuries. Ultimately a Good Samaritan ended up continuing their travel, driving them so they could continue on their way to Edmonton where they were headed. No charges will be coming out of that - certainly it was road conditions at the time, black ice conditions."

No injuries were sustained by the passengers and driver other than minor cuts and bruises.

Rear-ender

Another collision occurred on Highway 791, just north of Highway 582, in which a hay or grain truck was rear-ended by a Ford Escape while turning, he said.

There was a vehicle following

that truck, and as the truck driver activated his turning lights, the driver of the other vehicle was unable to see the signal due to a plume of smoke that the truck was kicking up. "Subsequently a rear-end collision occurred, and the driver of the vehicle that rear-ended that truck suffered significant injuries and was transported to a hospital."

Safe driving tips

Jacobson said to never use cruise control in the winter, and Cpl. Clint Gulash added never to change lanes under an overpass, as it is a likely place for ice to accumulate.

Jacobson added to be careful when accelerating or braking, because this can easily throw a vehicle into a spin when driving on ice.



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Firefighters, RCMP members and EMS workers respond to the scene of the rollover.



Noel West/MVP Staff

An RCMP member speaks with the occupant of a vehicle involved in a rollover in the northbound lane of Highway 2 at the Didsbury overpass on Jan. 29. Emergency workers responded to a flood of accident calls over the day due to poor weather and road conditions.



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Northbound traffic on Highway 2 was down to one lane while the accident scene was under investigation.



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An RCMP member speaks with the occupants of the vehicle.

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February 4

Didsbury & District Health Services Auxiliary Annual General Meeting. Tuesday, February 4 at 2 pm in the Assembly room at the Hospital. Guest speaker will be Marilyn McGregor of the A.H.S.

February 7 and 8

Friends of the Didsbury Library Book Sale! Friday, February 7 from Noon till 6 pm and Saturday, February 8 from 9 am till 2 pm. At the Didsbury Lawn Bowling Clubhouse 1619 22 Avenue. Proceeds to the Didsbury Municipal Library.

February 7 and 8

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February 8

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February 8 and 9

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February 10

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February 10

The Mountain View Arts Society is hosting their Annual General Meeting, 7 pm at the Didsbury Museum. Special Guest Speaker: Maxine Spence. Author and owner of Turtle Dreams Press, Maxine published "Leaf" in 2011, a picture book illustrated by Didsbury artist, Elsie Archer. Her second picture book, "Down in the Jungle", illustrated by another Didsbury artist, Lyndsay Waeko, will be published this spring. Bring any friends who might be interested in joining our Society as we move forward with our mandate to promote and encourage artistic opportunity here in Mountain View County.

February 11

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday, Feb 11 at 9:30 am, Lutheran Church Gym. This month's feature Carol Bloch - Specialty Woolens. www.knittingkits.ca For tickets or more info please call Ann 403-335-8444

February 22 and 23

The Mountain View Model Railroad Club, who is responsible for our "work in progress Train Display" here at the Didsbury Museum, will be holding the 2014 Olds Model Train and Hobby Show on February 22 and 23 at Olds College. This year the show will include displays that should even interest the non model railroad enthusiast. For more information call Rick Astle @ 403 556-8121.

February 26

Coffee & Conversation at the Didsbury Museum. Coffee & Conversation is free and is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. 1 to 3:30 pm. 2014 - Artist Jean Elliott - "Glass Art by Jean". Jean will explain the whole process of working with warm glass and kiln glass art pieces.

March 1

Grand Opening for the Pregnancy Care Centre to serve Mountain View County and surrounding area. Centre Open House from 2-4 pm at 4911 51 Ave, Olds followed by fundraising banquet and play at 6 pm at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. Call Michelle at 403 343-1611 for tickets (\$20 each or table of 8 for \$150).

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For more information
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Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Opinion

Editorial

New smoking war battlefront is opening up

After many decades of hard-fought battles on many fronts, the anti-smoking lobby in Canada has seen significant gains in recent years, including a marked reduction in overall tobacco use across the nation.

The stop-smoking efforts have included not only vast amounts of work by health-care professionals and researchers, but also millions and millions of volunteer hours spent raising funds and awareness.



DAN SINGLETON

According to the Canadian Lung Association (CLA) the resulting reduction in smoking has certainly saved thousands and thousands of Canadians from grievous sickness and premature death.

Yet, also according to the CLA, a new threat to the health and well-being of Canadians of all ages has now emerged in the form of e-cigarettes – creating a new battlefield in a bitter and bloody war.

E-cigarettes are electronic devices containing cartridges filled with nicotine or flavoured chemicals that are vaporized into a mist, which is then inhaled. They look similar to regular tobacco cigarettes or cigars, but without the smoke when used.

Although it is currently illegal to sell nicotine-filled e-cigarette in Canada, at least \$1 billion worth of the devices were sold in the U.S. last year.

And as with other illegal products, such as cocaine, nicotine-filled e-cigarettes are now making their way into Canada through smuggling, according to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

In a recent editorial in its monthly *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, the CMA called on the federal government to take immediate steps to have all e-cigarettes regulated as drug-delivery devices.

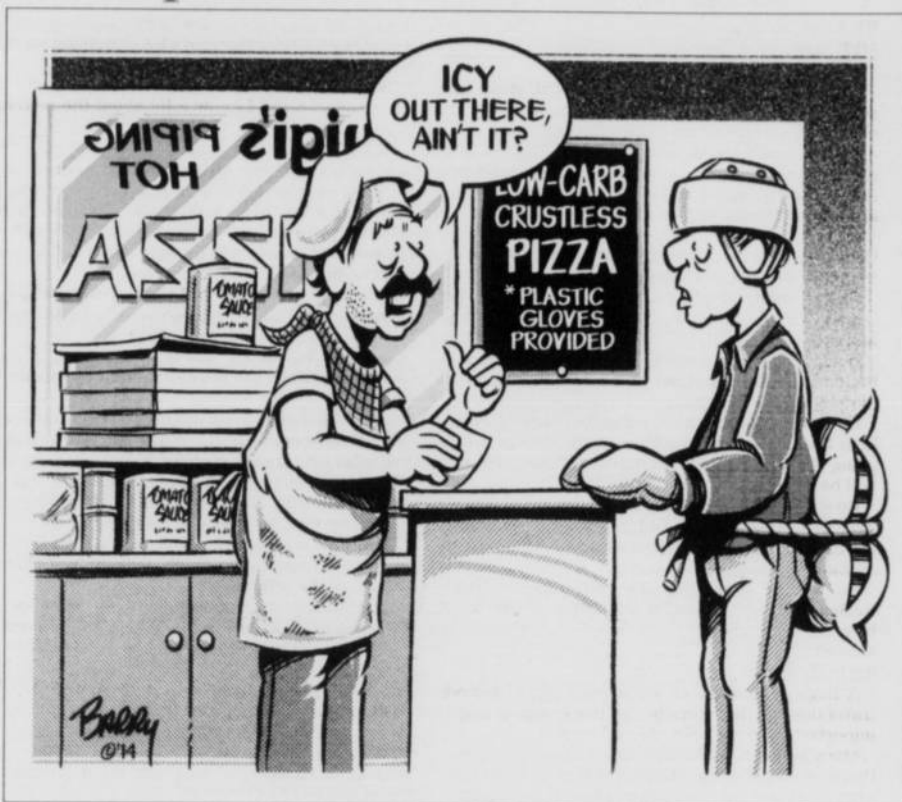
The CMA is concerned that unless the devices are very tightly regulated, the companies making e-cigarettes will do all they can to ramp up advertising and marketing aimed squarely at Canadian youth.

"Fears therefore arise that a new generation of youth who would not otherwise take up smoking could be enticed by e-cigarettes into nicotine addiction and subsequent tobacco use," the CMA says.

"Concerns are amplified further by the emergence of tobacco companies as major players in the e-cigarette industry without any accompanying slowdown in tobacco production or marketing, which suggests that the tobacco industry sees a future where e-cigarettes accompany and perpetuate, rather than supplant, tobacco use."

The Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Lung Association are all but begging the Harper government to take new and decisive action to prevent e-cigarettes from getting a firm hold on Canadian youth.

After the long and hard battle fought by the anti-smoking lobby over the past many years, the federal government must now do all it can to ensure this latest battle is won.



Commentary

Winter Olympics now Canada's domain

It was 42 years ago in Sapporo, Japan that Canada came home from the Winter Olympics with just one medal: a silver from figure skater Karen Magnussen.

Four years later Canadians improved with three medals at the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

But it was down to just a pair in 1980 at Lake Placid, N.Y.

But at the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Games, Canada began a remarkable climb to the dominance it now enjoys at the Winter Olympics.

Canada won four medals, including two gold and a bronze by speed skater Gaétan Boucher.

The next Winter Games in 1988 were of course held in Calgary, and Canada picked up five medals but no gold. In fact, Canada was forced to claim the dubious distinction that year of twice being the only host country from any Olympic Games not to claim a gold medal.

Canada was previously shut out from gold at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

But the dark days for Canada at both Olympics have changed, especially the Winter Games where Canada is now a world power. Since the Sarajevo Winter Olympics Canada has improved on its medal total in every subsequent Games, from four in 1984 all the way up to 26 at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics when Great White North athletes set a record gold medal haul with 14.

Yes, it is now Canada's time to shine on the world stage, and with the Sochi Winter Olympics beginning this Friday (Feb. 7) and running until Feb. 23, the question of whether Canada will do well has long

passed.

The question now is how well, and will Canadians once more raise the medal bar, which they have done now for the past 30 years since the great Gaétan Boucher thrilled the nation in Sarajevo.

Many would still argue that it doesn't matter, and that we should cling to the old Canadian mantra, "As long as they do their best."

But the days of Canada just maintaining its famous face of politeness at the expense of passionate competitive fire left permanently during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Canadians now want to win, and not just at hockey. They seek to win every event. That is the goal, and all that politeness can be tossed aside for every one of those potentially glorious 17 days in Sochi. Today's Canadian is allowed for the next two and a half weeks to show their swagger to the world.

For many of us, it will be that time again to wake up in the morning and check the television channels and websites for Canada's certain magnificent run at Sochi. Of course, hockey – both men's and women's teams – will be the No. 1 attraction but new heroes will be born in Sochi, and millions across the land will honour them with unbridled enthusiasm.

What is more is that there is now a sense of justified entitlement for Canadians at the Winter Olympics. We are historically a land of ice and snow, and what happens there is just part of who Canadians are. It is no longer just the sole territory of the great athletes from the frozen landscapes of Norway, Russia and Austria.

The Great White North has finally secured its own domain at the Winter Olympics – and there is an unbreakable notion it won't let go unless hell freezes over.

Johnnie Bachusky is the editor of the Innisfail Province.



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Navy lieutenant headed to Bahrain

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Although Canadian troops are talked about less and less as memories of Afghanistan fade, military personnel are still active in the Middle East.

A 1999 graduate of Didsbury High School will soon be heading overseas to serve as an intelligence officer for the Canadian navy, which is active in and around the Persian Gulf.

Lt. Patrick Morgan has been serving in the Royal Canadian Navy for about 12 years, but this will be his first deployment since joining, he said.

"I'm assisting a mission that helps stabilize the region, so counter-piracy and stuff like that," said Morgan.

"I support our land-based Canadian component to the coalition fifth fleet, so I'll also support some of our ships in the region."

He noted it is a small contingency, and although he is the lowest-ranking officer on the ship, there are going to be a few non-commissioned members that will be serving under him.

He will be serving on the ground in Bahrain, a small kingdom in the Persian Gulf, and will be gathering intelligence required to operate sea-based security missions in the region.

He will be supporting the patrol frigate HMCS Regina, and he noted the HMCS Toronto, which will be returning as the HMCS Regina goes out, has had a successful tour busting heroin runners and protecting trade vessels.

A large percentage of the world's shipped goods travel through that corridor, "so that region is hugely important for what we're doing," he said.

Many goods from Europe and Asia come through that area, and if that corridor was shut down or compromised for whatever reason, world trade would be greatly affected, he added.

He has undergone extensive training in trades and intelligence while serving, and was selected for the mission based on his previous experience on ships.

"I've done a number of courses and training

throughout the years for about the past 10 years, so I would say it's actually quite a bit of training for this," he noted.

"So I know a lot about the kind of challenges that ships undergo and I know a lot about the merchant traffic in the area and whatnot."

He added there is a large number of groups from various UN member nations that go over on small missions such as this to help stabilize the region.

Every six months, a different Canadian frigate goes out there as part of the coalition force and one returns, so his tour will be only about six or seven months, he noted.

He will be leaving behind his new wife, whom he got married to only weeks ago in early December, so he's glad it will be a short tour.

Although his family has a strong military background, he joined the navy somewhat by chance, he said.

After graduating from high school, he took some time off and backpacked in a few different countries, also sailing on some tall ships during that time.

He was attending Mount Royal University - at that time it was still a college - and by happenstance walked into the navy base in Calgary.

"I thought 'what's this, a navy base in Calgary?' and from there I was pretty much hooked. Best choice I ever made though," he said.

"There's actually nothing quite like being at sea. It's away from an environment that you're used to. It's getting a little more connected now, but I found being disconnected from the mainland really puts things into perspective."

Oftentimes, it's impossible to get cellphone or Internet reception, he added.

"You'd think that it'd be an inconvenience, but actually it allows you to focus on the important things in life, I find."

He is very excited to be going on tour, he noted.

"This is a huge deal - I've been asking for this type of overseas deployment for basically 12 years."

He said there were many navy people that went during the Afghanistan war, but it was more land

forces than navy, and although he signed up, he was not selected that time.

"I'm pretty excited to go, especially representing Canada. It's always been my privilege to serve in this capacity to this country and yeah, that's what makes it exciting to go."



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Lt. Patrick Morgan, 33, will be heading to Bahrain on Feb. 8 to provide intelligence support to the HMCS Regina and other coalition forces ships in that area.

TOWN OF DIDSBURY



PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, February 12 - at 4:30 pm.

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As part of the Maple Leaf Exchange Program, students from Miki-Town will be visiting Didsbury again in March 2014. We are looking for families willing to open up their home to a Japanese student between the ages of 13 - 15, and let them experience life in Didsbury. Dates for their stay are March 20 - 24, 2014.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact CynDee Walden, Maple Leaf Exchange Coordinator at 403.335.7724 or by email at cwalden@didsbury.ca.



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Solo and duet skaters take to the ice

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Twenty-four figure skaters took to the ice last week to show off their solo and duet skating skills, as part of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club's annual end-of-season events.

Club president Rose Schroeder said the event was unique.

"It was great. It was the first year we've actually

tried it."

The club holds an annual carnival to showcase skaters' skills in March, but because there are usually around 100 skaters that come from around the region, the club decided to run the solos and duets at a different time this year, she noted.

"So the carnival is mostly group performances and there's some little ones that are three and four years old and they're very cute."

"But when you've got 25 figure skaters and they all want to do solos, it makes for a pretty long carnival."

The STARSkate Showcase, which took place on Jan. 27 at the memorial complex, featured skaters from eight to 16 years of age, many who are in their first few years of figure skating.

she added

There may still be a couple of solo performances during the carnival, but the schedule is still being organized at this point.

"But because we have so many figure skaters there's probably not going to be the individual solos. We'll have group performances and there might be opportunities for them to skate, we're just not sure exactly how we're going to do it yet."

The club belongs to Skate Canada, and has been in operation for 52 years, she noted. "Our skaters are formally tested on skills and abilities through Skate Canada. As well, our figure skaters attend Skate Canada competitions around the province," she said.

"We not only teach learn-to-skate and figure skating, but we also have two power skating programs that teach speed, agility, and skating skills that are aimed at developing hockey skating skills."

The carnival will run with a theme of *Under the Sea* and will be held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on the afternoon of March 16, she added.



Kaira Hall performs *Alice in Wonderland* during the Didsbury Figure Skating Club Showcase Night on Jan. 27 at the Didsbury Memorial Arena.



Amanda Trottier performs *Ballerina Gone Bad* during the show.

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People should clear sidewalks

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

One young mother from Olds is encouraging everyone to do their part in clearing ice from sidewalks and roadways after a fall last week left her with "major whiplash and a mild concussion."

Christine Lowe left work at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 and was on her way to Ecole Olds Elementary School where her daughter is a student, when she slipped on a piece of ice at Olds College. Lowe said a light dusting of snow hid the ice from view and also made it more treacherous. When she fell, Lowe hit her head on the ground.

She said she visited a doctor the following day after the soreness she experienced in her neck hadn't subsided, adding she found it difficult to hold her head up. Lowe said the doctor diagnosed the injuries as "major whiplash and a mild concussion." She said she is now wearing a neck brace to support her neck.

"It's a good reminder for people to take care of the ice. We live in Alberta. We're in that season where everything is icing over. It's everybody's responsibility to look after the ice," Lowe said.

As a result of her injuries, Lowe, a single mother, said she would be taking five days off work, but couldn't afford to take off any more time than that. She said her workplace has been extremely supportive while she recuperates for the next two months from her injuries.

"I'm just going to have a really hard time for the next six to eight weeks while I deal with my five-year-old," she said.

Meanwhile, the town is doing all it can to clear ice from roadways and public sidewalks in light of recent thawing and freezing.

"It's been a nice break in the weather with not having to haul snow day after day, but chinooks always come with a price as well. It's nice for everybody to get snow off their roofs, but our crews have been very busy as well," said Scott Chant, the town's interim director of operations.

Town staff are currently monitoring intersections for icy spots and will be applying a mixture of sand and salt as required. During warmer spells, the town's staff are going throughout the town with a steamer unit and clearing any catch basins that might be iced over.

"What we've done is people can basically

come to the shop and get a pail of salt and sand and put it down on their sidewalk, so it gives them some traction. The salt will help them melt the ice a little bit, but the rock and the aggregate will give safe traction," Chant said, adding people need to bring their own bucket.

The mixture is free. The town shop is located at 4825-51 St.

Temporary role changes in council

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The role of deputy mayor has been temporarily handed over to Coun. Gail Nowlan, after town administration became aware that current Deputy Mayor LaVar Adams will be gone for most of February.

Council also recently received a letter from Mayor Rick Mousseau, stating that he would like to receive a temporary leave of absence due to health issues, CAO Roy Brown said at council on Jan. 28.

As Adams will be gone most of the month of February, council had to decide who would take a leading role for now, especially in the absence of Mousseau.

"I don't know where you (councillors) all sit with your comfort level being in one of those roles," Nowlan said at council.

"It can be pretty heavy."

Coun. Garth Hollinger said that in order to keep council running as smoothly as possible, it would be ideal to have a more experienced councillor take the role at this point.

"We are new and I personally

would certainly like more time before I jump into that."

Coun. Sheila Schulz and Hollinger both noted that they and other councillors are there to help, but they aren't ready to take on the full responsibilities of deputy mayor.

The motion was made and passed to name Nowlan as deputy mayor from Jan. 29 to Feb. 24, and that time will be taken off of her regularly scheduled term in that position, as each councillor is slated for a certain amount of time during the four-year term with that role.

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Two wins break Colts' losing streak

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts made a triumphant return home, as after two weeks and five away games – and losses – they bucked the trend and beat both Banff and Stettler.

Coach Brent Youngs said the 4-3 Friday game against the Banff Academy Bears was a turning point for the team.

"This was an important game for us. We were on a four-game losing streak and had to turn that around."

"Being away from home and on the road for the last five games, it's good to get back and play in our own building."

Banff is the hottest team in the league, he

said, with nine wins in a row before going helmet to helmet with the Colts.

Although it didn't look like the team had very good odds, the players put in a solid effort, with all four lines playing well and working hard, he added.

"Thomas Della Siega was sharp in net (that night)," he said, adding "the line of (Jason) Edwards, (Cole) Sutherland and (Rick) Gundlock had a strong game, with Edwards leading the way with two goals."

The team tried to emphasize shots on goal, and it really made a difference, he noted.

"We had over 50 shots on net tonight which really helps. Even weaker shots give you a chance of a rebound or a good bounce that can

possibly end up in the net."

Bears head coach Billy Doherty said "you had opposite teams coming in. By that, I mean a team that was sliding – they hadn't won in five games, and we had won nine games straight."

"So it almost looked like the stars were aligning for Mountainview."

He said his team was lacking in the effort department, and that they allowed the Colts far too many turnovers than they should have.

"But it happens, and it's unfortunate. We needed to be a little tougher tonight, I thought. Our goaltender played standing and they doubled us in shots, and they played really well tonight, which was a key factor in us being close."

He noted his team did

have problems retaining control of the puck, and thus the game.

"I didn't like they way we came out. I thought Mountainview had an edge in play in the first period, but then again, we came out one-nothing. Then in the second we took a lot of penalties," he said.

"And we had a 3-2 lead I think late into the period. And just all night long we were struggling in getting the puck out of our zone, and the Colts capitalized on those turnovers."

The Saturday game against the Stettler Lightning was an even stronger win, with the Colts pulling ahead to win 5-2, said Youngs.

"We came out really strong tonight trying to get a good start against Stettler," he noted.

The Lightning is an experienced team with more of a veteran presence, and they don't have many rookies in the lineup, so it was important to get the jump on them early on.

"Currently, Stettler is ahead of us in the standings so these are key matchups in which we had to win."

"Winning tonight put us two points behind them, with one game in hand, so we still have a good shot at catching them in the standings and trying to get second place overall locked down before playoffs start," he said.

He added it would be nice to get the home rink advantage for playoffs, which second place would allow them.

"It's always better to be at home in front of your own fans, instead of being on the road in the opposition's arena."

The defence was strong against Stettler, with good offence and goaltending as well, he added.

"It was just a good

team effort tonight. We focused on getting shots to the net again, which helps out getting those extra chances."

There are four regular season games left for the Colts, with the final stretch being critical as far as momentum and standings go.

Their next game will be on Friday, Feb. 8 against Ponoka at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

"It would be great to see a lot of fans come out for support as the team is having a great season and playing some real entertaining hockey," he said.

"It's been a while since this team has finished at the top of the standings. We have a great group of players this year playing some good, exciting hockey so I think the fans would enjoy watching these local boys."

The last home game will be against the Three Hills Thrashers on Saturday, Feb. 15. Both teams will be competing to raise money for the Rural Ride for Dad charity, he added.



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Mountainview Colts goaltender Thomas Della Siega makes a save during the Colts' game against the Banff Academy Bears at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Jan. 31. The Colts won the game 4 to 3.



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The Colts celebrate after scoring a goal during Friday's game against Banff.

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